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SUBJECT: NIV GRANT AL- AH MARAND AL MATARI- REQUEST FOR  
FOOD AID

REFERENCE: STATE 85892.

1. WE HAVE RECEIVED BUCK APRIL 26 LETTER AND HAVE DISCUSSED  
WITH CRS DIRECTOR KEANE.
2. DESPITE SEVERAL CRS FOLLOW- UPS, KEANE DOES NOT HAVE ANY  
SPECIFIC TONNAGE FIGURES FOR HASHID RELIEF PROGRAM BEYOND  
ONE TIME DELIVERY OF 500 TONS WHEAT FROM MARCH SHIPMENT,
3. FY 74 CRSS PROGRAM IS TWICE AS LONG, NOT TWICE AS LARGE,  
IT CONTINUES PREVIOUS PROGRAM AT SAME LEVEL OF RECIPIENTS FOR  
FULL YEAR RATHER THAN SIX MONTHS. DIVERSIONS WOULD THUS  
NECESSITATE REDUCING LEVEL OF PROGRAM. NONETHELESS WE SEE  
POSSIBLE SOLUTION IN ACCELERATING SCHEDULE OF ARRIVALS. MARCH  
SHIPMENT ARRIVED ONLY TWO DAYS BEFORE THIRD- QUARTER ENDED  
AND FOUR QUARTER SHIPMENT IS NOT DUE UNTIL LATE JUNE.  
ACCELERATING SHIPMENTS TO EARLIER HALF OF QUARTER WOULD GIVE  
USA ONE- TIME SUPPLY FOR SHAIKH ABDALLAHS HASHID  
PROGRAM. KEANE AGREEABLE TO THIS APPROACH.

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4. FAMINE RELIEVE TITLE II WILL BE MORE DIFFICULT TO ABSORB INTO CRS PROGRAM. YARG HAS GIVEN US NOTICE THAT THERE GOOD POSSIBILITY OF ACUTE FAMINE NEXT FALL IF DROUGHT CONTINUES THROUGH RAINY SEASON THIS SPRING AND SUMMER. IN FACT WE ARE TWO MONTHS INTO SPRING RAINY SEASON WHICH TO DATE HAS BEEN VERY POOR IN SANAA AREA. WE HAVE A FORMAL YARG REQUEST FOR TITLES ONE AND TWO ASSISTANCE AND ARE BEING PRESSED TO RESPOND, MOST RECENTLY IN LETTER TO AMBASSADOR FROM MINSTATE FOR DEVELOPMENTS AID.

5. USING INFORMATION CONTAINED BUCK LETTER AND OUR OWN MISGIVINGS ABOUT YARG ABILITY TO HANDLE TITLE ONE PG PROGRAM, WE ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGING YEMENIS TO ORIENT LONG- TERM PROGRAMS TOWARDS WFP AND WITH US CONCENTRATING ON EMERGENCY REQUESTS WHICH WFP FINDS DIFFICULT TO PROCESS EXPEDITIOUSLY ( UNRESREP CONCURS IN THIS APPROACH) . AT SAME TIME WE WILL ATTEMPT TO REFINE DOWNWARDS YARG EXPECTATIONS FOR TITLE TWO ASSISTANCE. ( TO DATE NEW NATIONAL FOOD AND NUTRITION ADMINISTRATION HAS BEEN WHOLLY ABSORBED IN FIRST CRS DISTRIBUTION AND HAS NOT FOCUSED ON PROVIDING NECESSARY INFORMATION TO DOCUMENT TITLE TWO REQUEST. WE ARE CONTINUING TO PRESS THEM ON THIS. )

6. IN SUM WE WILL TRY TO HANDLE HASHID PROGRAM FROM AVAILABLE SOURCES AND SEE IF WE CAN DEFLECT OFFICIAL YARG REQUEST FOR TITLE ONE AID TO WFP. WE WILL STILL HAVE TO ANSWER OFFICIAL TITLE TWO REQUEST, WHICH, EVEN IF IT HOPEFULLY REDUCED, WILL BE MUCH TOO LARGE TO ABSORB INTO CURRENT CRS PROGRAM. ALL WE ASK IS THAT TITLE TWO PROGRAM BE CONSIDERED ON ITS MERITS, APART FROM CURRENT CRS PROJECTS, AT SUCH TIME AS WE HAVE NECESSARY FACTS, IN RETURN WE WILL TRY TO ABSORB HASHID PROGRAM, DEFLECT TITLE ONE, AND REDUCE TITLE TWO.  
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